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EI Counties Contest

The Spring Leg of the EI Counties Contest will take place on Easter Monday from 2 to 4 p.m., local time. Rules are available on page 12 of the current IRTS yearbook. It is hoped that as many stations as possible take to the air for this event.

South Dublin Radio

An announcement about two important meetings for South Dublin Radio Club members. The committee is planning to put a proposal to members to adopt a new constitution. The change is being proposed to facilitate the running of a wide range of activities within the club and in particular to make provision for sub-groups with special interests to operate. Copies of the draft of the proposed new constitution have been handed out at recent club meetings, and may also be downloaded from the club's web site www.qsl.net/ei2sdr/

An Extraordinary General Meeting to consider this proposal will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 4th May, in the club QTH. An information night, to discuss the new draft, will be held on Tuesday 13th April. This is a very important move for the club, and all members are strongly encouraged to participate on both nights.

EuRadio

Arrangements are now well in train for the eleven special event stations to mark the enlargement of the European Community on May 1st and 2nd. 10 Irish towns and cities are twinned with member states.

A special event station is being planned for each of those cities and towns. The special event stations will provide a unique opportunity to promote amateur radio locally and nationally, both here and in the twinned states. The following are the list of twinned towns and states; Bray is twinned with Cyprus, Cork with Slovakia, Drogheda with Latvia, Galway with Estonia and Kilkenny with Lithuania. Killarney is twinned with the Czech Republic, Letterkenny with Poland, Limerick with Slovenia, Sligo with Hungary and Waterford with Malta. The IRTS HQ station will operate from Dublin.

An awards programme will be promoted amongst the international amateur radio

community with certificates for stations that establish radio contact with the special event stations. Organisers will be fully briefed in the coming days on the arrangements being made centrally and on the contact details in the local authorities. Details of the awards associated with the special event stations have been circulated to the amateur radio press.

Enniskillen Rally

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club hosts the 23rd Enniskillen Amateur Radio Show in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh on Sunday the 25th of April 2004. Doors open at 12.00 noon.

Car parking facilities and food will be available. Admission is £3.00, which includes free ticket for Raffle with valuable prizes. Bring & Buy with no fee. Amateur Radio, Electronics, Computers, traders big and small, equipment, accessories, components, new surplus and second-hand. Traditional large attendance expected from all over Ireland, north and south. Further details from Herbie GI6JPO on 028-6638 7761.

Upcoming Events

The 432 MHz UK Activity Contest will take place between 2000 and 2230 hours local time on the 13th of April next. The RSGB 50 MHz contest will take place between 0900 and 1300 hrs UTC on the 25th of April and the 50 MHz UK Activity Contest takes place on the 27th between 2000 and 2230 hours local time.

International Marconi Day

International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi on the 25th April 1874. The International Marconi Day (IMD) event is not a contest: it is an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make point-to-point contact with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques similar to those used by Marconi, and to gain an attractive Award for achieving the requisite number of Marconi stations worked. Unfortunately it seems that none of the six station in EI who were previously involved have indicated their intentions for this year. See the IMD web site www.gb4imd.co.uk for full details.

The awards requirement for fixed stations id to work 15 of the official Marconi stations, a mobile station needs 12 and SWLs need 15 or 10 on CW only. There area

separate awards for mixed and CW. VHF contacts do not count towards the awards.

4 metre beacon

A 4 metre beacon using the callsign GB3WSX is active on 70.007 MHz since the 1st of March. It is keying callsign and locator in F1A mode. The Beacon is located in Yeovil, Somerset. It is currently operating with only 2.25 watts into a 5-element beam antenna at approximately 90 feet ASL.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group members were active last weekend on the Galtees in support of the Glen of Aherlow walking festival.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

John McAndrew EI3JM was the winner of the Mayo Radio Experimenters March Contest. Each month the club organises a contest for it's members and the full March results are: 1st John McAndrew, EI3JM, 2nd. John Corless, EI7IQ, 3rd. Mike Hayes EI2EO, 4th. Brendan Minish EI6IZ, Joint 5th. John Browne, EI7FAB and Dermot Adams EI7IX. Joint 7th. Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB and Jarlath Cunnane EI7FYB.

Plans were made for the club trip to the Enniskillen Rally and for the activation of the special event station EI25HA in conjunction with amateurs from Sligo, on May 1st and 2ns.

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9pm in Stensons, Balllyvary on the N5.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted by phone or text on 087-6302026 or news can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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